

**In the  
Indiana Supreme Court**



IN THE MATTER OF )  
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THE APPOINTMENT OF )  
T. EDWARD PAGE )  
AS SENIOR JUDGE )  
and )  
ESTABLISHING SERVICE DAY )  
LIMITS FOR SENIOR JUDGES )  
 )  
IN THE PORTER CIRCUIT )  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 )

Cause No. 94S00-1112-MS-715

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE  
AND ESTABLISHING SENIOR JUDGE SERVICE DAY LIMITS  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

The Judge of the Porter Circuit Court, the Honorable Mary R. Harper, has requested the appointment of Senior Judge T. Edward Page for service in 2012, pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-1. Judge Harper has also requested an increase in the number of senior judge service days allotted to the court for calendar year 2012.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that Judge Harper has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources. Senior Judge Page has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly. Further, the Court now finds that Judge Harper has established sufficient reasons for the allotment of additional senior judge service days to the Porter Circuit Court.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge T. Edward Page is appointed to serve in the Porter Circuit Court at the discretion of the Judge of the Court. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2012**. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2010 calendar year.

The appointment is contingent upon senior judge day limits established by this Court through separate Orders, and **it shall be incumbent upon the presiding judges of the courts to ensure that their courts comply with the Orders setting senior judge day limits.** Pursuant to Admin. R. 5(B)(4) a senior judge shall have the same jurisdiction as the presiding judge of the court where the senior judge is appointed, but only during the days that the senior judge is serving in such court. Additionally, Admin. R. 5(B)(4) provides that a senior judge who has been appointed to serve in a court shall have the same jurisdiction as the regular judge of the court where he is serving to officiate at marriages at any time during the appointment. A senior judge may retain jurisdiction in an individual case beyond the day of service if the order of the presiding judge of the court in which the case is pending so orders.

IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED that the number of senior judge service days allotted to the Porter Circuit Court is increased from twenty (20) days to thirty-five (35) days for calendar year 2012. It is the responsibility of the presiding judge of the Porter Circuit Court to ensure that the number of senior judge service days allotted is not exceeded during the year of appointment.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable Mary R. Harper, Porter Circuit Court, 16 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN 46383; the Honorable T. Edward Page; to the clerk of the Clerk of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts; the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order to the Court's website.

The clerk of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts is directed: 1) to distribute a copy of this order to the presiding judge of the Porter Circuit Court, 2) to enter this Order in the Record of Judgments and Orders of the court, and 3) to post this Order for public inspection.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

RT Shepard

Randall T. Shepard  
Chief Justice of Indiana